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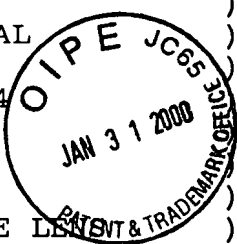
In re application of

BARRY G. BROOME, ET AL

Serial No. 09/074,474

Filed May 7, 1998

For SINGLE OBJECTIVE LENS  
FOR USE WITH CD OR DVD  
OPTICAL DISKS



Art Unit : 2752

Examiner : Kim-Kwok CHU

January 25, 2000

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office action dated August 31, 1999. Under separate cover, applicants are submitting a request for extension of time to and including January 31, 2000 along with the required two-month extension fee.

Please cancel claims 5, 9, 11 and 12.

Please amend claims 1-4, 6 and 7 as follows:

1. (amended) An optical disk reader or optical read/write system capable of operating in either a compact disk (CD) or digital versatile disk (DVD) format, comprising:

disk support and drive means capable of supporting and driving either a compact disk having a [cover plate] disk substrate of thickness Y or a digital versatile disk having a [cover plate] disk substrate of thickness X,

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